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If soccer has prospered in Bendigo during that time, it is largely due to these people and organisations.

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A HISTORY OF THE BENDIGO AMATEUR SOCCER LEAGUE

In 1950, Mr. Walter Clayton advertised in the Bendigo Advertiser for people interested in establishing a soccer team in Bendigo. Bendigo United was formed and travelled throughout Victoria in search of matches, playing in Melbourne, Moe, Geelong, Ballarat, Shepparton, Merbein, Kerang and many other Victorian towns and cities.

Soccer in its present form hit the headlines on November 8th, 1970, when the Bendigo Soccer League was formed. Ted Ellinghaus had advertised for soccer players in the local newspaper late in 1969 and over the summer of 1969/1970, when joining one of several other already organised Leagues was being examined, David Wilkinson and Michael John, with a determination akin to madness—remember Bendigo boasted the strongest country Australian Rules League—laid the foundations of the Bendigo Soccer League.

The old Soccer Club was disbanded unceremoniously on November 8, 1970 and by 4th April, 1971, the date of the Official Opening, the Bendigo Soccer League comprised four teams, had 60 registered players, grounds and equipment, sponsorships, trophies and awards, and a tremendous enthusiasm.

The names Ted Ellinghaus, Joe Reilly and Tony Longano have been prominent in Bendigo Soccer since its inception. In 1971, Ted was top goal scorer and won the Best and Fairest Award; Tony won the Most Consistent Player Award; Joe Reilly was captain of League Champions, Golden City.

In 1972 Maryborough and Sandhurst joined the League, Jimmy Shepherd of Maryborough won the Best and Fairest Award and South Bendigo were League Champions.

Seymour and Puckapunyal joined the League in 1973, and Sandhurst became Golden City Colts. City again won the Championship, and Joe Reilly was again the Leading Goal Scorer, for the second year in succession.

Golden City were League Champions again in 1974 with their brilliant goal scorer Joe Judge bagging 49 goals, the highest tally ever in the Bendigo Soccer League. Joe also won the Best and Fairest Award. Eaglehawk, Castlemaine and Echuca were new teams in the League which then boasted eleven teams.

Golden City's strangle-hold on League trophies was broken in 1975 when Strathdale were League Champions and Knock-out Cup winners, and B.I.T. were League Cup winners. Ziggy Nowak was the Player of the Year and his team mate Chris Ricketts started his four year dominance in the goal scoring department. 1975 also saw the introduction of a reserves competition which was won by B.I.T. Chris Ricketts was again top goal scorer in 1976, whilst Neil Copeland of Echuca won the Player of the Year Award, Golden City were League Champions and League Cup winners, but College prevented City from winning the treble by winning the Knock-out Cup.

Deniliquin joined the League in 1977 to make a senior division of twelve teams and a reserve division of ten teams. Golden City's domination of the competition came to an abrupt halt. Although City managed to win the League Cup early in the season, College won both the Championship and the Knock-out Cup. Chris Ricketts again was top goal scorer whilst Tony Longano won the Player of the Year Award.

In 1978 Seymour left for greener pastures and Colts United, winner of the Most Improved Team Award in the previous season, won both the League Championship and the Knock-out Cup with College being runners-up in both competitions. Yet again Chris Ricketts was top goal scorer and Tony Longano won his second League Best and Fairest Award.

1979 marked the introduction of the three division system. Kyneton were undefeated in winning the First Division Championship and also won the League Cup and the Knock-out Cup. College was runner-up in Division One for the second consecutive year. Kyneton Reserves won the Third Division Championship and Third Division Knock-out Cup. Michael Roche of the B.C.A.E. won the Player of the Year Award with team mate Greg Hall being top goal scorer, giving College this award for the fifth consecutive time.

In 1980, with the notable exception of the Knock-out Cup which was won by South Epsom (now South Bendigo), Colts United won every other 1st Division team trophy. Castlemaine was undefeated in all competitions in Division Two, whilst Maryborough won the Division Three Championship. Mervyn Samuel of Kyneton won a long overdue Player of the Year Award in Division One, and Bob Evans and Allan Wilkinson were Players of the Year in Divisions Two and Three respectively.

As Kyneton and Colts had dominated in the previous two years, College dominated in 1981. After Colts won the League Cup, College won the Knock-Out Cup, 5-a-Side Competition and Knock-Out Cup. Roland Sowerby and Michael Roche shared the Player of the Year Award, whilst Bob Evans was the leading goal scorer. The Deniliquin teams were Division Two and Division Three Champions.

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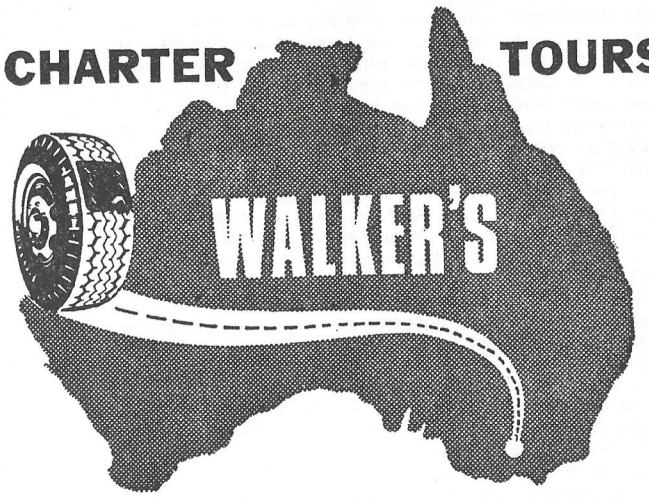

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DIVISION ONE FIVE-A-SIDE RUNNERS-UP — COLTS
DIVISION TWO FIVE-A-SIDE RUNNERS-UP — GOLDEN SQUARE HIGH
DIVISION TWO FIVE-A-SIDE RUNNERS-UP — COLTS
DIVISION THREE FIVE-A-SIDE WINNERS — CASTLEMAINE
DIVISION THREE FIVE-A-SIDE RUNNERS-UP — COLLEGE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR — M. ROCHE (COLLEGE) & R. SOWERBY (STH. BENDIGO)
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The B.A.S.L. eventually comfortably won the inaugural Victorian Amateur League's Championship Final at Olympic Park on the evening of Saturday, 7th November, 1981, beating the Melbourne Central Amateur League 4-1. It was a fine victory which the Bendigo team had worked hard for and prepared thoroughly for under the guidance of the evergreen Ziggy Nowak.

Bendigo settled down more swiftly than Melbourne in the warm conditions and created two scoring chances in the first ten minutes with Clive Bracey playing well in mid-field and Roland Sowerby making a number of good diagonal runs on the forward line. However, Melbourne was first to score when a through ball caught the Bendigo defence square and its striker Jacques Hardi was brought down by keeper Mark Moller on the edge of the penalty area. Hardi's co-striker, Frank Laurel, scored from the resulting penalty.

This was something of a setback for Bendigo which had played the better soccer in the early stages, but it overcame the setback by equalising within five minutes, also by way of a penalty. Celley McCuskey was pushed in the back whilst receiving a long throw from the right, and Sowerby gave the keeper no chance from the spot.

The remainder of the first half was even with both sides having a number of scoring chances and all players having difficulty judging the pace of the ball on the lush Olympic Park turf. The notorious Elly Fagenbaum was something of a disappointment for Melbourne, being so rarely sighted that at times he could have been a figment of the imagination. In direct contrast was his co-midfielder Clive Barrett, by far the best Melbourne player on that night. He and Mark Moller were the best players on the ground. Barrett's ball control was a delight and his deceptive pace on the ball made him very dangerous. He created the vast majority of Melbourne's scoring chances but had little support from his forwards who had to cope with the fine keeping of Moller. On three occasions in the first half the Bendigo defence was caught square by the well flighted balls of Barrett but on each occasion Moller saved at the feet of either Hardi or Laurel. Bendigo also had scoring chances with Bracey playing imaginative football and Sowerby looking dangerous when the ball was on the ground. The Bendigo midfield and forward players were not afraid to shoot from the edge of the penalty area and came close to scoring on a number of occasions. A half-time score line of 1-1 was a fair reflection of the state of the game at that stage.

The second half, however, was a different kettle of fish altogether. Within two minutes of the break Celly McCuskey, who had earlier appeared to have some boot trouble, set the crowd and the Bendigo team alight with a smashing goal, as good as he will ever score. His first-time left foot shot from 25 yards curled away from the keeper and dipped under the crossbar into the top corner of the net. The Olympic Park crowd rose as one to acknowledge his fine effort.

From then on the Bendigo forward line and midfield, with McCuskey pulled back into midfield from the wing, was on top and the result was rarely in doubt. Theo Bogiatzis and then the hard working Bob Evans got the better of Ernie Wise at right back, Greg Trewhalla on the right wing was getting the better of Eric Morecombe at left back, and Sowerby in the centre made a number of dan-

gerous breaks on the surprisingly-open forward line. Melbourne had scoring chances in the second half through the constructive play of Barrett, who made dashing runs down each wing, tested Moller with a thirty yard drive and again twice flighted balls which gave his forwards clear breaks. However, in each instance the Bendigo defence was equal to the task, or the Melbourne forwards shot wide.

In the last 25 minutes Bendigo established its superiority with its midfield and forward line, putting paid to the myth that it lacked technique in the air. Midway through the half a headed through ball beat the offside trap, and Bob Evans took the ball to the goal-line before chipping it back to the edge of the goal area where the surprisingly unmarked Bracey glided the ball into the corner of the net with his head. With ten minutes remaining a long throw from the right was back-headed by Arthur Sumner for Sowerby to leap gracefully and head into goal in true Tony Hateley fashion.

Encouraged, or astonished, by his South Bendigo team-mate's performance I. P. Mawson made a dashing break down the right wing but did not quite reach the scoring zone and then in the dying moments of the game Trewhalla turned well in the penalty area but his well struck shot hit the crossbar, denying him a goal he richly deserved.

Melbourne's defence in the second half was disappointing, although some of the blame must be laid at the feet of its midfield which didn't seem to be prepared to carry out its defensive duties, the result being that Bendigo's mid-field often enjoyed the luxury of being loosely marked when in attack. Melbourne's sweeper Danny Schickelgruber played well in the first half as he did for Maccabi against College but wilted in the second half when under pressure. In contrast after the initial stages, the Bendigo defence was solid, given confidence by the faultless display of Moller in goal.

With the exception of Moller it would be unfair to single out any Bendigo player for special praise. Each member of the team contributed as much, both on and off the field, as any other, the win being a fine team effort and the result of thorough preparation.

Coach Ziggy Nowak was a happy man afterwards and can be proud of a job well done. The telling factors, to his credit, particularly in the second half, were Bendigo's superior fitness and team work. In contrast Melbourne's play in the second half was disjointed and its moves broke down at crucial times.

Also a happy man was League President Ted Ellinghaus, pleased to see the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League inscribed on the Carl Ellinghaus Perpetual Trophy as the first winners of the Victorian Amateur Leagues Championship.

Disappointed was Melbourne's Elly Fagenbaum, of whom much more was expected.

B.A.S.L. representative side after its win at Olympic Park.

B.A.S.L. representative team players, 1981: M. Moller, M. Davies, S. Gibson, D. Mawson, C. Ibbeson, L. Jones, A. Schepers, P. Hill, R. Sowerby, C. McCuskey, M. Aitken, R. Evans, M. Evans, G. Hall, C. Bracey, S. Butler, A. Sumner, P. Richardson, M. James, M. Brewer, A. Lebbink, D. Jones, G. Trewhalla, T. Bogiatzis, S. Nowak, M. Roche.

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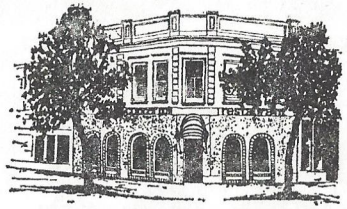

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DIVISION ONE — 1980

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Colts United	16	13	2	1	48	24	28
South Epsom	16	7	6	3	44	28	20
Bendigo Old Boys	16	6	7	3	32	23	19
College	16	6	5	5	25	22	17
Eaglehawk	16	7	1	8	30	35	15
Kyneton	16	6	3	6	29	26	15
Golden City	16	3	7	6	34	30	13
Strathdale	16	4	3	8	20	47	11
Deniliquin	16	2	2	11	10	55	6

DIVISION TWO — 1980

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Castlemaine	14	14	0	0	56	12	28
Golden City	14	10	1	3	31	11	21
Rugby	14	7	1	6	20	25	15
Colts United	14	6	2	6	24	19	14
Kyneton	14	6	2	6	28	25	14
South Epsom	14	4	1	9	23	37	9
Eaglehawk	14	3	1	10	17	33	7
Bendigo Old Boys	14	1	4	9	11	40	6

DIVISION THREE — 1980

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Maryborough	16	14	0	2	88	16	28
Colts United	16	13	2	1	48	25	28
College	16	7	2	7	37	34	16
Bendigo Old Boys	16	6	3	7	27	34	15
South Epsom	16	5	3	7	34	34	13
Strathdale	16	5	2	8	40	60	12
Deniliquin	16	5	1	10	29	40	11
Kyneton	16	3	3	10	17	36	9
Castlemaine	16	4	0	12	32	73	8

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES — 1981

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
College	16	14	1	1	53	14	29
Colts United	16	12	1	3	39	13	25
South Bendigo	16	12	0	4	53	24	24
Castlemaine	16	9	1	6	51	35	19
Golden City	16	7	1	8	34	26	15
Eaglehawk	16	6	1	9	29	27	13
Strathdale	16	3	2	11	25	56	8
Seymour	16	3	0	13	22	55	6
Bendigo Old Boys	16	2	1	13	20	69	5

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Deniliquin	16	13	2	1	62	17	28
Maryborough	16	12	2	2	88	32	26
Golden City	16	9	3	4	43	22	21
South Bendigo	16	9	1	6	54	44	19
Colts United	16	7	3	6	51	28	17
Seymour	16	5	1	10	24	50	11
Bendigo Old Boys	16	3	3	10	15	45	9
Rugby	16	2	3	11	18	66	7
Eaglehawk	16	2	2	12	18	71	6

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Deniliquin	16	11	1	4	61	27	23
Colts United	16	11	1	4	47	23	23
Strathdale	16	9	4	3	52	29	22
South Bendigo	16	9	1	6	46	31	19
Kyneton	16	9	1	6	31	24	19
College	16	8	1	7	65	41	17
Castlemaine	16	5	1	10	30	49	11
Bendigo Old Boys	16	4	1	11	22	42	9
Maryborough	16	0	1	15	8	96	1

PREVIOUS TEAM TROPHY WINNERS

	League Ch/ship	Knockout-Out Cup	League Cup	5-a-Side
1971	Sth. Bendigo	Golden City	No Competition	No Competition
1972	Sth. Bendigo	Golden City	No Competition	No Competition
1973	Golden City	Golden City	No Competition	No Competition
1974	Golden City	B.I.T.	Golden City	No Competition
1975	Strathdale	Strathdale	B.I.T.	No Competition
1976	Golden City	B.I.T.	Golden City	Echuca
1977	B.C.A.E.	B.C.A.E.	Golden City	Castlemaine
1978	Colts Utd.	Colts Utd.	No Competition	Kyneton
1979	Kyneton	Kyneton	Kyneton	College
1980	Colts Utd.	South Epsom	Colts Utd.	Colts Utd.
1981	College	College	Colts Utd.	College

PREVIOUS TOP GOALSCORERS

1971—A. E. Ellinghaus (Golden City).
1972—J. A. Reilly (Golden City).
1973—J. A. Reilly (Golden City).
1974—J. Judge (Golden City).
1975—C. Ricketts (College).
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1979—G. Hall (College).
1980—S. Butler (Colts Utd.).

PREVIOUS BEST AND FAIREST WINNERS

1971—A. E. Ellinghaus (Golden City).
1972—J. Shepherd (Maryborough).
1973—C. Sulaimen (College).
1974—J. Judge (Golden City).
1975—Z. Nowak (College).
1976—N. Copeland (Echuca).
1977—A. Longano (Strathdale).
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1979—M. S. Roche (College).
1980—M. Samuel (Kyneton).

1981 BEST AND FAIREST — LEADING VOTES

DIVISION ONE

M. Roche (College)	19
R. Sowerby (South Bendigo)	19
R. Evans (Castlemaine)	18
A. Schepers (Eaglehawk	15
J. Van Emmerik (Strathdale)	15
P. Richardson (Castlemaine)	13
M. Brewer (Seymour)	11
N. Boland (Eaglehawk)	11
S. Nowak (College)	10
D. Mawson (South Bendigo)	10
M. Kearin (Golden City)	10

DIVISION TWO

R. Sobolewski (Deniliquin)	20
P. Hearick (Golden City)	18
J. Davies (Colts)	12
B. Speechley (Seymour)	11
G. Duffin (Maryborough)	11
C. Hale (Colts)	9
J. Nemeth (Golden City)	9
D. Hall (Eaglehawk)	9

DIVISON THREE

L. Mitchell (Colts)	15
C. Reilly (Colts/B.O.B.S.)	14
M. Lappin (College)	13
C. Greetham (Kyneton)	11
A. Lasey (Strathdale)	10
N. Jones (South Bendigo)	10
M. Angus (South Bendigo)	10
G. Savvey (South Bendigo	10
C. Van Den Arsen (South Bendigo)	10

LEADING GOAL SCORERS — 1981
DIVISION ONE

Bob Evans (Castlemaine)	22
R. Sowerby (South Bendigo)	15
G. Hall (College)	13
P. Ayre (College)	11
D. Petrie (Strathdale)	9
C. Kendal (Colts)	8

DIVISION TWO

Alex Kong (Maryborough)	28
John Davies (Colts)	14
K. Friswell (South Bendigo)	14
R. Prentice (Deniliquin)	13
M. Puszka (Maryborough)	11
C. Hale (Colts)	11
M. MacKay (Maryborough)	10
M. Bonfitto (Rugby)	9
K. Wignall (Golden City)	9

DIVISION THREE

P. Thommers (Deniliquin)	17
S. Mayhew (Deniliquin)	13
M. Moore (College)	11
B. Matricardi (Kyneton)	10
G. Warren (Strathdale)	9
M. Angus (Colts)	8
A. Scott (B.O.B.S.)	7
P. Georgiou (Castlemaine)	7
M. Lapping (College)	7
C. Reilly (Colts)	7
M. Mayhew (South Bendigo)	7
C. Bogiatzis (Strathdale)	7

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CLUB NOTES

Observations from the clubs on last season and how they see their sides performing in 1982.

B.C.A.E. (COLLEGE)

College was quietly pleased with the performance in 1981 of both its 1st XI and 2nd XI unfortunately, however, as is often the case with college and university sides, two or three years is spent building a competent side and then students leave for greener pastures and the team building process has to start again. The club has lost some of its stalwarts of the last three years in Guy Congdon, David Damond, Michael Moore, Tony Long and David Norman, together with many 2nd XI players. All were an integral part of College's recent success both on and off the field, and they will be sorely missed.

On the brighter side Bob Seviour is welcomed back after his year in Glasgow — it is hoped that room can be found for him in the already crowded centre-back position occupied by Stuart Gibson and Marty Hurst.

If it recruits some students College hopes to be a force in 1982. It wishes all clubs well this season, both on and off the field.

S. GIBSON, Secretary.

B.O.B.S.

1982 heralds a new look B.O.B.S and will be a season of consolidation and rebuilding following the restructuring of the league and a loss of players, B.O.B.S. have found themselves depleted from three teams to two, both in Division 2. We have retained a few key players from last season's Division One squad and many of our younger players have already had experience in Division One.

The outlook is good as Charlie Wood has returned to coach the club; Mel McGovern as our president will supply that much needed leadership and organisation; and a return to Beischer Park and the combined sponsorship of Tooth's Brewery all combine to make a club which will leave its mark on the 1982 season.

GLENDA MIATKE, Secretary

CASTLEMAINE

The past season provided Castlemaine with a measure of success in both Senior and Junior sections of the club. Much of this can be attributed to the perseverance of a number of long serving members who, during past years have devoted time and effort toward encouraging and developing players at senior and junior levels.

Together with the talented players who joined last season and with its band of helpful supporters, the club looks forward to the future with confidence.

Castlemaine thanks all administrators, officials and players of the B.A.S.L. for an enjoyable 1981 season and wishes all a good competitive and progressive season in 1982.

GEORGE EVANS, Secretary.

COLTS UNITED SOCCER CLUB

With the completion of the changing room facilities at our own home ground at Strathfieldsaye, Colts look forward to the new season with great enthusiasm.

Many thanks must go to Peter Hill who passed on his great knowledge of the game to the younger players at the club, and we should reap the rewards of Peter's hard work over the coming seasons.

The appointment of Stephen Butler as coach again stresses the great emphasis given to youth by the club. We are also pleased that Craig Reilly has taken on the job of 3rd team coach.

Once again our social committee did a tremendous job, holding many functions during the season. We wish them further success this year.

Our junior membership is again very strong and we will endeavour to give full support for the betterment of soccer.

Thank you to all members, players and a special thanks to committee members for the season 1981.

Best of luck for season 1982.

HUW JONES, Secretary.

DENILIQUIN

In 1981 the club experienced its most successful year since joining the B.A.S.L.

With hard training and support from coaches John Harvie and Raymond Rowe, the Div. 2 side won the League Cup and League Championship. The Reserves in Div. 3 showed they had skills and good teamwork and with coach Keith Phillips at the helm won the League Championship and was runner-up, in the Knock-Out Cup.

1982 will be a time for the Div. 1 side to stabilize and will be a time for the Div. 2 side to rebuild and strengthen, with junior players graduating to senior football. The club looks with confidence at a season under its first non-playing coach, Mr. Bob Mayhew, who has vast experience with other clubs.

In conclusion the Deniliquin S.C. wishes all B.A.S.L. clubs a successful and enjoyable season.

MICHAEL BENNETT, Secretary.

EAGLEHAWK

1981 was a moderate season for both senior teams, inconsistency from week to week being our major problem. However the highlight of the season came from our junior ranks. Under the tutorage of coach Harry Schepers Under 12's clinched the championship and K.O. Cup. Under-16's were runners up in the K.O. Cup. These indicate that Eaglehawk will be a force in future Bendigo soccer.

We are looking forward to an improved season in 1982. With a blend of local youth and the experience of established players will provide the Borough capable opponents for other teams.

Thanks, to the Social Committee, players, parents and supporters enjoyed well organised functions, fund raising and strengthening of club spirit.

Our thanks to the Borough Council for the excellent condition of Truscott and also our president Mansell Davies for his valuable leadership.

We wish all teams an enjoyable soccer season.

P. SCHEPERS, Secretary.

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ECHUCA

Echuca returns to the B.A.S.L. after being in recess for two years. Several players have returned from other clubs to help Echuca on its way to success.

We hope to do well this season and look forward to meeting many old friends.

We wish all other clubs the best of luck for 1982.

JOAN LEWIS, Secretary.

GOLDEN CITY

This season will hopefully see a continuation of the good form shown recently by the Club.

Concerted efforts will be made to improve on recent performances and once again we will be looking to the younger members to provide a sound base for team development.

The emergence of a strong under-16 team and a continued refinement of both senior men's teams, under the experienced guidance of coach Merv Samual, should enable City to consolidate its position in the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League.

Our best wishes for a sporting season go to all other clubs.

ARTHUR SUMNER, President.

KYNETON

Last season saw the First and Reserve teams of this Club leave the B.A.S.L. to play in the Victorian Provisional League Div. 3.

1981 also saw the retirement from the committee of Wyn & Vic Egglinton who had been the backbone of the Club for many years.

A bright spot for the Club in 1981, was the performance of our 3rd team in the B.A.S.L. These young kids whose average age is 16 took on allcomers during the season and proved to be a vastly improved side. These boys have been together for about 3 years now and have developed a strong team spirit and understanding of each other. Unfortunately for the team, but fortunately for the Club, some of these boys has progressed to the Prov. League this year. Their places will be taken by boys who have progressed through our juniors.

The Club regards the 3rd team as an ideal situation, where we can develop the skills of youths, for the benefit of the Club.

We wish the B.A.S.L. success for 1982.

STUART ODDY, Secretary.

MARYBOROUGH

In 1981 Maryborough fielded two sides in the league, the 1st team "theoretically" gaining promotion to the First Division and being runners-up in the League Cup, and the young reserves team not having much success but improving over the season.

Although we were looking forward to playing in Division 1, we have unfortunately lost a number of players and as a result will only be able to field one team, and that in Division 2. We hope to gain players in 1982 and be in a position to field two teams in 1983.

ROGER BIRD, Secretary.

SEYMOUR

Seymour will set out once again with hopes high for a successful season in 1982. We were not the worthy opponents in the season of 1981 as we would have liked to be.

But with a more consistant team (hopefully) and a new coach with new ideas and a great determination to win we must surely improve.

P. I. ENRICO, Sec./Treasurer.

SOUTH BENDIGO

In five years our club has not only changed it's name from South Epsom to South Bendigo, but it has also changed from the chopping block of Senior teams to their stumbling block. The man mainly responsible for our rise up the Championship Table has been our Coach, Clive Ibbeson. We cannot thank Clive enough for his efforts in these years but simply wish him similar success in his role as player only.

With a new League structure, a new Coach, a new administration and numerous new signings, we look forward to the new season with renewed interest and enthusiasm.

We hope all other clubs obtain as much enjoyment from playing soccer in 1982 as our club intends to do.

R. LANE, Secretary.

STRATHDALE SOCCER CLUB

1981 was a most disappointing year for the Strathdale Soccer Club. Having no home ground and lacking training facilities our on field performances were mediocre. Our one bright spot was the performance of our juniors throughout the year, these players will form the nucleus of our future sides.

1982 we hope will be a different year to 1981, with a new active committee we hope to see a revitalised approach both on and off the pitch. We intend that this year will form the basis of a more successful future for the Strathdale Club.

We wish all clubs the best for the coming season and we look forward to another good year for soccer in the Bendigo region.

ALAN LASSEY, Secretary.

BENDIGO Y.M.C.A. SOCCER CLUB

Season 1982 will be the first year Y.M.C.A. Soccer Club will enter teams in the Senior League Competition. The club has had junior teams for 4 years and have many promising juniors.

The Senior Club has been formed from experienced players and new players. We also hope to include some of the juniors in the Senior teams in 1982 to give them experience and in future they will be able to play with an established Senior team.

Our players are very enthusiastic and are looking forward to a strong but friendly competition and wish all clubs good luck for season 1982.

KEN THOMAS, Secretary.

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Follow the Melbourne sign to leave the City via Forest Street. Immediately after crossing FOREST CREEK Bridge pass Railway Avenue on your Right, Turn into Next Right—McGrath Street. Pass Stadium on your Right, Turn into Next Right and follow road round Right of Oval.

(COL.): EDWARDS ROAD, BENDIGO—
From the Post Office travel east along Williamson St. for approx. 1 mile; turn right at the roundabout into Somerville St., take second left into Ellis St., ground on right at top of Ellis St. in College grounds.

OSBORN STREET, BENDIGO—
From the Post Office travel east along Williamson St. for approx. 1 mile; turn right at roundabout into Somerville St.; proceed approx. 1 mile, ground on left in College grounds.

(D.): MEMORIAL PARK, DENILIQUIN—
When coming from the Echuca direction, follow the Main Highway until the start of the Shopping Centre. Turn Right at "Mac's Service Station", which is on the Right. Continue Right until you enter Memorial Park.

(ECH.): TECHNICAL SCHOOL OVAL, ECHUCA—
As you enter Echuca from the south, follow the Northern Highway as it bends to the right. Turn left into Hare St. Take first turn to left after school crossing lights. Tech. Oval on left.

(E.P.): EWING PARK, BENDIGO—
Directions to Ewing Park: Travel along Mundy Street, Across Railway Line, TURN RIGHT JUST BEFORE CREEK (at Stoneman's S.S.W.). Ground immediately on your RIGHT.

(K.):BARKLY SQUARE, KYNETON—
Entering Kyneton from north, turn left into Beauchamp St. at "Cheese Factory", ground 300 yds. on left.

(M.): LOCO GROUND, MARYBOROUGH—
From Bendigo, Left at Caravan Park into Holyrood St., Right into Burns St. Ground on Right.

(S.C.): SPORTS CENTRE, BENDIGO—
From the Fountain, proceed North along Pall Mall past the Post Office and Court House. Veer Left at the Conservatory; Turn Left at the Self-Serve Service Station and follow the road. The Sports Centre is on the Right Hand Side, opposite the Bendigo Training Prison.

(S.E.): M. A. BENNETT OVAL, SEYMOUR—

When reaching the Hume Highway, Turn Left into Seymour and then Right at the Caltex Service Station, past the Police Station which will then be on your left, proceed along Tallarook Street, Turn Left and then Immediate Right under the Railway Bridge into Anzac Avenue. Continue along Anzac Avenue until you reach the Public Library adjacent to the Tucker Bag Shopping Complex. Turn Left at Keith Street and the ground, M. A. BENNETT OVAL, can be seen on your right.

STRATHFIELDSAYE GROUND —

Strathfieldsaye Village (off Strathfieldsaye Road). Turn up Williamson Street from Pall Mall and continue straight on, the road becoming Condon Street, then Strathfieldsaye Road.

TRUSCOTT RESERVE (TR), Eaglehawk —

In the centre of Bendigo turn off at the Fountain and follow the signs to Eaglehawk which takes you up View Street. Turn left into Barnard Street with the Q.E.O. on your right. Veer right into Eaglehawk Road. Continue along Eaglehawk Road for approximately 2 miles until you come to the Stafford-Ellinson Factory on your right. Turn left at the butcher shop and continue a very short distance, Truscott Reserve is located directly in front of you.

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Home	Away	Ground
ROUND 1 — 18th April:		
Colts	v. Strathdale	SYE
College	v. South Bendigo	COL.
Castlemaine	v. Seymour	C
Eaglehawk	v. Golden City	TR
Deniliquin	(Bye)	
ROUND 2 — 25th April:		
South Bendigo	v. Colts	EP
Seymour	v. College	SE
Golden City	v. Deniliquin	SC
Strathdale	v. Eaglehawk	B
Castlemaine	(Bye)	
ROUND 3 — 2nd May:		
Colts	v. Seymour	SYE
Castlemaine	v. Golden City	C
Deniliquin	v. Eaglehawk	D
South Bendigo	v. Strathdale	EP
College	(Bye)	
ROUND 4 — 9th May:		
Golden City	v. College	S.C.
Eaglehawk	v. Castlemaine	TR
Strathdale	v. Deniliquin	B
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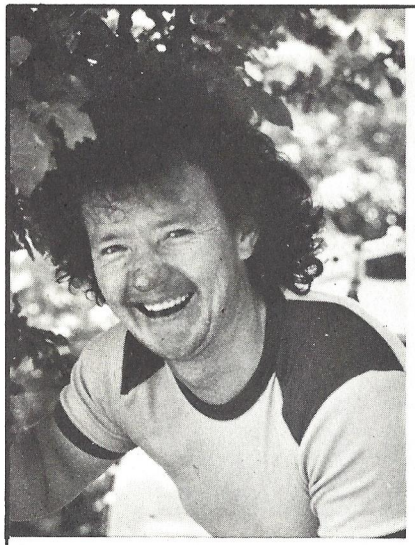
Home Away	Ground
ROUND 5 — 16th May:	
Colts v. Golden City	SYE
College v. Eaglehawk	COL.
Castlemaine v. Deniliquin	C
Strathdale v. Seymour	B
South Bendigo (Bye)	
ROUND 6 — 23rd May:	
Eaglehawk v. Colts	TR
Deniliquin v. College	D
Castlemaine v. Strathdale	C
Golden City v. South Bendigo	SC
Seymour (Bye)	
ROUND 7 — 30th May:	
Colts v. Deniliquin	SYE
College v. Castlemaine	COL.
South Bendigo v. Eaglehawk	EP
Seymour v. Golden City	SE
Strathdale (Bye)	
ROUND 8 — 6th June:	
Castlemaine v. Colts	C
College v. Strathdale	COL.
Deniliquin v. South Bendigo	D
Eaglehawk v. Seymour	TR
Golden City (Bye)	
13th June:	
No games. Country Championships at Swan Hill.	
ROUND 9 — 20th June:	
Colts v. College	SYE
South Bendigo v. Castlemaine	EP
Seymour v. Deniliquin	SE
Strathdale v. Golden City	B
Eaglehawk (Bye)	
ROUND 10 — 27th June:	
Strathdale v. Colts	B
South Bendigo v. College	EP
Seymour v. Castlemaine	SE
Golden City v. Eaglehawk	SC
Deniliquin (Bye)	
4th July:	
5-a-Side Competition.	
ROUND 11 — 11th July:	
Colts v. South Bendigo	SYE
College v. Seymour	COL.
Deniliquin v. Golden City	D
Eaglehawk v. Strathdale	TR
Castlemaine (Bye)	
ROUND 12 — 18th July:	
Seymour v. Colts	SE
Golden City v. Castlemaine	SC
Eaglehawk v. Deniliquin	TR
Strathdale v. South Bendigo	B
College (Bye)	

ZIGGY NOWAK (right), College's captain-coach, accepting the Division 1 Championship Trophy from Joe Reilly.

BOB EVANS (right) of Castlemaine, the leading goal-scorer in Division 1, with Robert Cook of BCV-8, one of the League's Sponsors.

STUART GIBSON (right), College's stout defender, elaborating on the finer points of defensive soccer, having been presented with the Division 1 Knock-Out Cup by an enthralled Ted Ellinghaus, League President.

PETER HILL (right), captain-coach of Colts United, runners-up in the Division 1 League Championship, with brothers Joe and Craig Reilly.



CELLY McCUSKEY, captain-coach of Castlemaine, who in 1980 were promoted back into Division 1 and in 1981 were winners of the Most Improved Team Award.

"A game for all ages - shapes and sizes." Arthur Sumner and Ted Ellinghaus, solid defenders in the President's XI playing against Maccabi Hakoah of Melbourne, cast experienced eyes downfield.

ROGER BIRD (right) of Maryborough, presented with the Division 2 League Cup Runners-Up Trophy by David Wright, Secretary of the Shire of Strathfieldsaye.

Deniliquin stalwart MICHAEL BENNETT (right) receiving the Division 2 League Championship Trophy from David Wright.

Peter Joseph (left), Manager of 3BO, sponsor of the League's Best and Fairest Award, with joint winners ROLAND SOWERBY (South Bendigo) and MICK ROCHE (College).

A beaming ROB SOBOLEWSKI (right) of Deniliquin, worthy winner of the Division 2 Best and Fairest Award, with Peter Joseph of 3BO.

MICK KEIRAN of Golden City, winner of the League's Best Young Player Award.

League President TED ELLINGHAUS with a thrilled BILL MOLLER, worthy recipient of the President's "Outstanding Contribution To Soccer Award."

Ladies Soccer - South Bendigo - League Championship Winners.

College Women's Soccer Team - 1981
Runners-Up - League Championship - Winners - League Cup

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Front Row (L. to R.): S. Carr, J. Wells, J. Millar, K. Wardell, C. Williams, N. Stutterd.

Absent: P. Holland, H. Nowak.

Home	Away	Ground
ROUND 13 — 25th July:		
College	v. Golden City	COL.
Castlemaine	v. Eaglehawk	C
Deniliquin	v. Strathdale	D
South Bendigo	v. Seymour	EP
Colts (Bye)		
ROUND 14 — 1st August:		
Golden City	v. Colts	SC
Eaglehawk	v. College	TR
Deniliquin	v. Castlemaine	D
Seymour	v. Strathdale	SE
South Bendigo (Bye)		
ROUND 15 — 8th August:		
Colts	v. Eaglehawk	SYE
College	v. Deniliquin	COL.
Strathdale	v. Castlemaine	B
South Bendigo	v. Golden City	EP
Seymour (Bye)		
ROUND 16 — 15th August:		
Deniliquin	v. Colts	D
Castlemaine	v. College	C
Eaglehawk	v. South Bendigo	TR
Golden City	v. Seymour	SC
Strathdale (Bye)		
ROUND 17 — 22nd August:		
Colts	v. Castlemaine	SYE
Strathdale	v. College	B
South Bendigo	v. Deniliquin	EP
Seymour	v. Eaglehawk	SE
Golden City (Bye)		
ROUND 18 — 29th August:		
College	v. Colts	COL.
Castlemaine	v. South Bendigo	C
Deniliquin	v. Seymour	D
Golden City	v. Strathdale	SC
Eaglehawk (Bye)		

5th September:
Set aside for postponed games (if any)

12th September:
1st Round Knock-Out Cup and remaining postponed games (if any).

19th September:
2nd Round Knock-Out Cup.

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Home	Away	Ground	Time
ROUND 1 — 18th April:			
Colts 3	Maryborough	SYE	11.00
Echuca	South Bendigo 3	ECH	1.00
B.O.B.S. White	Kyneton	B	1.00
Y.M.C.A. Red	Y.M.C.A. Black	EP	1.00
B.O.B.S. Blue (Bye)			
ROUND 2 — 25th April:			
South Bendigo 3	Colts 3	EP	11.00
Kyneton	Echuca	K	1.00
Y.M.C.A. Black	B.O.B.S. Blue	EP	1.00
Maryborough	Y.M.C.A. Red	M	1.00
B.O.B.S White (Bye)			
ROUND 3 — 2nd May:			
Colts 3	Kyneton	SYE	11.00
B.O.B.S. White	Y.M.C.A. Black	B	3.00
B.O.B.S. Blue	Y.M.C.A. Red	B	1.00
South Bendigo 3	Maryborough	EP	11.00
Echuca (Bye)			

Home	Away	Ground	Time
ROUND 4 — 9th May:			
Y.M.C.A. Black	Echuca	EP	1.00
Y.M.C.A. Red	B.O.B.S. White	EP	3.00
Maryborough	B.O.B.S. Blue	M	1.00
Kyneton	South Bendigo 3	K	1.00
Colts 3 (Bye)			
ROUND 5 — 16th May:			
Colts 3	Y.M.C.A. Black	SYE	11.00
Echuca	Y.M.C.A. Red	ECH	1.00
B.O.B.S. White	B.O.B.S. Blue	B	1.00
Maryborough	Kyneton	M	1.00
South Bendigo 3 (Bye)			
ROUND 6 — 23rd May:			
Y.M.C.A. Red	Colts 3	EP	3.00
B.O.B.S. Blue	Echuca	B	1.00
B.O.B.S. White	Maryborough	B	3.00
Y.M.C.A. Black	South Bendigo 3	EP	1.00
Kyneton (Bye)			
ROUND 7 — 30th May:			
Colts 3	B.O.B.S. Blue	SYE	11.00
Echuca	B.O.B.S. White	ECH	1.00
South Bendigo 3	Y.M.C.A. Red	EP	11.00
Kyneton	Y.M.C.A. Black	K	1.00
Maryborough (Bye)			
ROUND 8 — 6th June:			
B.O.B.S. White	Colts 3	B	3.00
Echuca	Maryborough	ECH	1.00
B.O.B.S. Blue	South Bendigo 3	B	1.00
Y.M.C.A. Red	Kyneton	EP	1.00
Y.M.C.A. Black (Bye)			
13th June:			
No Games. Country Championships at Swan Hill.			
ROUND 9 — 20th June:			
Colts 3	Echuca	SYE	11.00
South Bendigo 3	B.O.B.S. White	EP	11.00
Kyneton	B.O.B.S. Blue	K	1.00
Maryborough	Y.M.C.A. Black	M	1.00
Y.M.C.A. Red (Bye)			
ROUND 10 — 27th June:			
Maryborough	Colts 3	M	1.00
South Bendigo 3	Echuca	EP	11.00
Kyneton	B.O.B.S. White	K	1.00
Y.M.C.A. Black	Y.M.C.A. Red	EP	1.00
B.O.B.S. Blue (Bye)			
4th July:			
Five-a-Side Competition.			
ROUND 11 — 11th July:			
Colts 3	South Bendigo 3	SYE	11.00
Echuca	Kyneton	ECH	1.00
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B.O.B.S. White (Bye)			

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Y.M.C.A. Black	v. B.O.B.S. White	EP	1.00
Y.M.C.A. Red	v. B.O.B.S. Blue	EP	3.00
Maryborough	v. South Bendigo 3	M	1.00
Echuca (Bye)			
ROUND 13 — 25th July:			
Echuca	v. Y.M.C.A. Black	ECH	1.00
B.O.B.S. White	v. Y.M.C.A. Red	B	3.00
B.O.B.S. Blue	v. Maryborough	B	1.00
South Bendigo 3	v. Kyneton	EP	11.00
Colts 3 (Bye)			
ROUND 14 — 1st August:			
Y.M.C.A. Black	v. Colts	EP	1.00
Y.M.C.A. Red	v. Echuca	EP	3.00
B.O.B.S. Blue	v. B.O.B.S. White	B	1.00
Kyneton	v. Maryborough	K	1.00
South Bendigo 3 (Bye)			
ROUND 15 — 8th August:			
Colts 3	v. Y.M.C.A. Red	SYE	11.00
Echuca	v. B.O.B.S. Blue	ECH	1.00
Maryborough	v. B.O.B.S. White	M	1.00
South Bendigo 3	v. Y.M.C.A. Black	EP	11.00
Kyneton (Bye)			
ROUND 16 — 15th August:			
B.O.B.S. Blue	v. Colts 3	B	1.00
B.O.B.S. White	v. Echuca	B	3.00
Y.M.C.A. Red	v. South Bendigo 3	EP	3.00
Y.M.C.A. Black	v. Kyneton	EP	1.00
Maryborough (Bye)			
ROUND 17 — 22nd August:			
Colts 3	v. B.O.B.S. White	SYE	11.00
Maryborough	v. Echuca	M	1.00
South Bendigo 3	v. B.O.B.S. Blue	EP	11.00
Kyneton	v. Y.M.C.A. Red	K	1.00
Y.M.C.A. Black (Bye)			
ROUND 18 — 29th August:			
Echuca	v. Colts 3	ECH	1.00
B.O.B.S. White	v. South Bendigo 3	B	3.00
B.O.B.S. Blue	v. Kyneton	B	1.00
Y.M.C.A. Black	v. Maryborough	EP	1.00
Y.M.C.A. Red (Bye)			

5th September:
Set aside for postponed games (if any)

12th September:
1st Round Knock-Out Cup and remaining postponed games (if any).

19th September:
2nd Round Knock-Out Cup.

26th September:
Semi-Finals Knock-Out Cup.

3rd October:
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PRESIDENT'S FORWARD

Women's Soccer in Bendigo is entering its eighth year and is slowly establishing itself as a challenging and enjoyable alternative sport for females. Although growth of the B.W.S.A. is slow (perhaps due to many players still seeing soccer as a second sport); progress can be seen in attitudes and expectations within the sport.

The combined Bendigo side, with the appointment of Barry Moore to full-time coach, made its mark in Melbourne by winning the 1981 2nd Division Lightning Premiership Cup for the first time. Club games have improved in standard and coaches are beginning to ask and expect more of their players. Fourteen of our representatives attended the B.A.S.L. referee's clinic.

We anticipate three main changes in 1982. Firstly, the size of our competition will be increased to seven teams with the inclusion of Ballarat (a keen, rapidly improving new side). Secondly, we hope to improve refereeing standards by staggering match-times and using independent referees, (including those who attend the 1981 referee's course), where possible.

Thirdly, we hope to begin a junior girl's competition. This, if successful, would be a major advance for the future of Women's Soccer in Bendigo.

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HISTORY OF THE BENDIGO WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Women's Soccer began in Bendigo in 1975 with four teams — Bendigo High School, Golden Square High School, B.I.T. and South Bendigo. Although it was a new sport for Bendigo, Women's Soccer was already a firmly established and recognised sport in other areas.

Over the ensueing years the Bendigo Association has slowly but steadily progressed with much help and assistance from the B.A.S.L. which has been very much appreciated. By 1977 five teams, each associated with men's clubs, were playing — College, Golden City, Colts, Eaglehawk and South Bendigo. 1977 also brought affiliation with the Victorian Women's Soccer Association, thus allowing local player, Cheryl Elvey to be selected in the State Squad; a selection she has continued to achieve every year since. In fact, Cheryl has gone on to gain selection in the Australian Squad for the last two years. Well done, Cheryl!

In 1978 Seymour joined the Association and a Bendigo Representative Squad was formed with games being played against Swan Hill, Footscray and the State Team. The Bendigo Rep. Team also competed in the V.W.S.A. Lightning Premiership; a preliminary competition held annually and which Bendigo has continued to participate in since 1978 and actually won for the first time in 1981. Quite a victory for Bendigo!

This victory helped make 1981 another noteable year for the B.W.S.A. as standard of play continued to improve and the overall level of skill evened out amongst the six teams. Barry Moore's assistance as full-time Association Coach was largely responsible here for such a marked improvement. Thanks Barry!

Also 15 players took part in the referee's course organised and run by the Bendigo Referee's Association thus laying down the foundations for introducing a system, where, for the most part, refereeing in the 1982 Competition will be done by those players.

It is also anticipated that 1982 will see the formation of a junior girl's competition with the assistance of the B.J.S.L. A move which along with the possibility of Ballarat joining the Association in 1982 will ensure continued growth in years to come.

Women's Soccer is now firmly established and recognised in Bendigo and the girls who play it are not 'Womens Libbers', Rough, Tough girls out to beat the fellas playing a 'Mans Sport' but keen sportswomen playing a highly skilled game for fun and enjoyment.

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B.W.S.A. REPRESENTATIVE TEAM — 1981

1981 saw the B.W.S.A. most fortunate to gain the services of Barry Moore as Association Coach. Regular combined team training nights were organised under Barry's expert guidance and despite disinterest from a lot of players and opposition from one team coach they proved very successful in raising the standard of Women's Soccer in Bendigo. Barry is to be congratulated for his efforts and it is to his credit that the small core of interested players performed extremely well, representing Bendigo in winning games against Ballarat and Watsonia. Also our annual sojourn to Melbourne to compete in the V.W.S.A. Lightning Premiership spelt victory for us when we won the Division 2 Competition for the first time. Well done Bendigo!

We weren't so successful against Greensborough though and one word sums up our game against the State Team — DISASTER; not only did the adverse weather conditions dampen our spirits a little but the fact that only 9 players turned up to represent Bendigo against the State Team reflects very badly against the Association and highlights the lack of interest displayed by several clubs during the season. However I'm sure that in the forthcoming season players will realise that it is an honour to represent Bendigo and that you don't have to be an outstanding player as long as you are keen and enthusiastic.

Also our thanks must go to Cheryl Elvey for her efforts in coaching the Bendigo Team that took part in the V.W.S.A. 5-A-Side Competition held in Melbourne over three weekends. Although we didn't win, a lot of valuable experience was gained by those players who participated.

Let us hope that all Barry's and Cheryl's efforts will not be wasted but will carry over to the 1982 season and all clubs and players will do their utmost to see that the Bendigo Representative Team will reflect the interest and enthusiasm so necessary for our sport to grow.

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RESULTS 1981

League Champions for 1981 — SOUTH BENDIGO
League Runners-Up — COLLEGE
League Cup Winners for 1981 — COLLEGE
League Cup Runners-Up — EAGLEHAWK

BENDIGO WOMENS SOCCER ASSOCIATION BEST & FAIREST FOR 1981

Points
26—Sue Simms
20—Jenny Doyle
19—Debbie Sumner
17—Anne Chalkley
16—Sandra Brewer
15—Margaret Lindner
15—Sue Carr
14—Rosie Punton
14—Sally Morgan
14—Paula Logan
13—Kim Taylor
13—Dianne Jackson
13—Noelle Metcalfe
13—Jenny Braddy
12—Maryke Monk
11—Margaret Bradley

LEADING GOAL SCORER FOR 1981

26 Goals—Trish Shanahan
16 Goals—Sally Morgan, Rosemary Hayes
10 Goals—Anne Loughnan
9 Goals—Cheryl Williams, Jacky Sumner, Maree Rickman, Sue Simms
8 Goals—Trudy Phillips
6 Goals—Anne Chalkley
5 Goals—Debra Parker, Maryke Monk, Sharon Betmead
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CLUB NOTES

BALLARAT

1982 will be our first year of competition Soccer. We have the support of our men's club and a significant number of keen players whose skills should rapidly improve with regular competition.

Our eventual aim is to encourage enough players from Ballarat to form our own local competition.

COLLEGE

After starting off the 1981 season fairly strongly we were a little unlucky when, midway through the season, we encountered a few problems due to injuries and the unavailability of several players; also the inclement weather conditions 'dampened' our enthusiasm a little. However, we were quite happy to settle for Runners-Up in the League Championship (although winners three times in a row would have been nice) and our congratulations must go to South Bendigo for winning their first championship.

A goal-scoring spree in the final of the League Cup sealed a victory here for us and once again individual recognition was achieved by our two stars, Trish Shanahan — Leading Goalscorer (her third time in a row) and Jenny Doyle — winner of the 1980 Best & Fairest was named Runner-Up for the 1981 Best & Fairest Award.

Hopefully we will retain most of our players for the forth-coming season and we wish all the other teams 'Good Luck' and look forward to another enjoyable season in '82.

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CLUB NOTES

COLTS UTD.

Colts United recruited well for the 1981 season and after their success in 1980 with the 5-A-Side and Knock-Out Cup Trophies '81 was going to be the year. But unfortunately Ros McCormick was transferred to Geelong through employment and five other players had other commitments. The transfer of Koula Vamvakeuis from Golden City to Colts was Colts gain, but unfortunately we lost Jeanette Mashimka to College.

The new recruits played well all season, and with practice and experience Colts will be a threat in '82. But its hard to replace the skills of Ros and the other girls.

1981 saw Colts win the 5-A-Side for the second consecutive year. Well done girls.

Thanks must go to Trevor Koch for his time and effort he put into the girls team. We appreciated it and hoping he will continue his work.

Looking forward to season 1982 with the Championship our goal.

ANNE CHALKLEY, Secretary.

SEYMOUR

1981 was, for Seymour, a season of hopeful enthusiasm, then frustration and disappointment, and finally boredom.

Fighting hard to keep the club alive, despite the absence of interest in women's soccer at home, the girls found the task a little hard to handle, as the weather conditions made the grounds unplayable and/or unavailable.

However the club did survive, and it is hoped that the Pirettes will be able to meet all their old contestants and many new ones in "82".

Our congratulations go to the 1981 winners, and it is our wish that all teams rise to greater strengths for the new season.

POT MINIKEN, President, BLUEY MINIKEN, Secretary.

SOUTH BENDIGO

1981 saw a successful season for South when after several years as Runners-Up they succeeded in taking out the 1981 Championship Cup.

There was a marked improvement in games with outstanding performances by new team members.

Much work by coaches Nick Van Dalen and Chris Brown obviously paid off.

ROSEMARY HAYES, Secretary.

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PRESIDENT'S FORWARD

The 1982 season is to be one of great importance to soccer in Bendigo, new faces fill most executive positions and many delegates posts as well.

The consolidation of our growth is again indicated by our registrations, our venture into the Regional Championships will be of great interest. Sides entered are Under 12, 13, 14 and 15. In entering these Championships we have opened the way for our sons being selected in the Victorian State Squads, therefore fulfilling the hopes of the founders of Junior Soccer in Bendigo.

Our heartfelt thanks must go to Les Rowe for his dedicated work as League Secretary for the past ten years and from the Quarry Hill boys for his work as Manager and Coach. We wish him the best of health.

Our thanks to Michael Curry of McDonalds, Bendigo, for his continued support of Junior Soccer, the players greatly appreciate 'Match of the Day' hamburgers.

I look forward to the support of all involved in the promotion of soccer, and wish all players and people involved every success and enjoyment for season 1982.

KEVIN PATON, President.

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UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE 1981
BENDIGO AMATEUR SOCCER LEAGUE SHIELD

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
G.S.H.S.	9	3	—	21
Strathdale	8	3	1	19
Colts United	7	2	3	16
Eaglehawk	6	—	6	12
Girton-Quarry Hill	2	—	10	4

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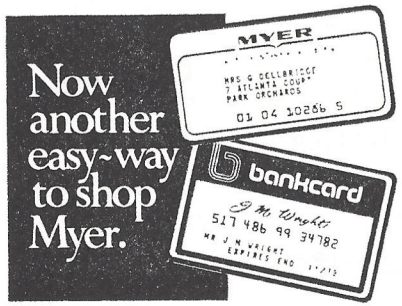

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UNDER-16 KNOCK-OUT CUP 1981

FINAL — STRATHDALE 3 defeated EAGLEHAWK 2

THE NOEL BEATON MEDAL
UNDER-16 PLAYER OF THE YEAR
1981 VOTING

Winner:	D. Jones (G.S.H.S.)	17
	A. McArthur (Eaglehawk)	14
	D. Petri (Strathdale)	12
	D. Clarke (Colts United)	11
	M. Galvin (Strathdale)	7
	M. Angus (G.S.H.S.)	6

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

1972—S. Wood (Golden City).
1973—A. Logan (South Bendigo).
1974—G. Green (W.H.T.S.).
1975—S. McKnight (K.F.T.S.)
1976—D. Bolton (South Bendigo).
1977—T. Bogiatzis (Strathdale).
1978—T. Bogiatzis (Strathdale).
1979—P. Harward (Strathdale).
1980—C. Kendall (Colts United).

UNDER-14 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE 1981
THE PETER KALADIS TROPHY

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Colts United	10	1	1	21
Golden City	9	1	2	19
Quarry Hill Eagles	8	2	2	18
Strathdale	8	2	2	18
White Hills	6	3	3	15
Castlemaine	6	3	3	15
Eaglehawk	5	3	4	13
Y.M.C.A.	5	—	7	10
Girton	3	2	7	8
Marong	1	2	9	4
Quarry Hill Rovers	1	1	10	3

THE GEORGE HARPER
UNDER-14 KNOCK-OUT CUP 1981

FINAL — GOLDEN CITY 3 defeated STRATHDALE 0

THE LES ROWE MEDAL
UNDER-14 PLAYER OF THE YEAR 1981

Winner: G. Dolphone (Castlemaine) 27
S. Kendal (Colts United) 24
J. Carter (Strathdale) 15
R. Cousins (White Hills) 13
P. Tong (Girton) 13
L. Leung (Y.M.C.A.) 13
G. Backway (Y.M.C.A.) 13

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

1973—D. Bolton (Quarry Hill).
1974—P. Harward (Strathdale).
1975—R. Gould (Strathdale).
1976—R. Herrick (K.F.T.S.); B. Hill (Castlemaine) equal.
1977—S. White (South Epsom).
1978—G. Harrower (Echuca).
1979—A. McArthur (White Hills Demons).
1980—N. Thompson (G.S.H.S.).

UNDER-12 "A" CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE 1981
THE JANE HALL SHIELD

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Golden City	11	1	—	23
White Hills	9	1	2	19
Colts United	7	1	4	15
Girton	7	1	4	15
Strathdale	6	2	4	14
Marong	2	1	9	5
Castlemaine	—	3	9	3
Y.M.C.A.	—	2	10	2

THE LAURIE GOULD
UNDER 12 "A" KNOCK-OUT CUP 1981

FINAL — GOLDEN CITY 2 defeated WHITE HILLS 1

THE GEORGE HARPER MEDAL
UNDER-12 "A" PLAYER OF THE YEAR 1981

Winner: G. Dolphin (Castlemaine) .... 20 equal
S. Graham (White Hills) .... 20 equal
S. Langan (Girton) 19
T. Morley (Golden City 15
T. Lee (Strathdale) 15
A. Longano (Golden City) 14

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

1975—R. Davies (Quarry Hill).
1976—B. Trowell (Eaglehawk).
1977—J. Travis (White Hills Demons).
1978—A. Raselli (Colts United).
1979—A. Raselli (Colts United).
1980—L. Leung (Y.M.C.A.).

UNDER-12 "B" CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE 1981
THE BOB ELLIOTT TROPHY

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Eaglehawk	10	1	1	21
Epsom	9	2	1	20
Colts United	8	1	3	17
White Hills	3	1	8	7
Marong	3	1	8	7
Comet Hill	—	—	12	—

UNDER-12 "B" KNOCK-OUT CUP 1981

FINAL — EAGLEHAWK 5 defeated EPSOM 1

UNDER-12 "B" PLAYER OF THE YEAR 1981 VOTING

Winner: G. Peatling (Epsom) 17
A. Friswell (Marong) 13
R. Harper (White Hills) 12
S. Moss (Eaglehawk) 10

PREVIOUS WINNER:

S. George (Quarry Hill).

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UNDER-10 "A" CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE 1981
THE LES ROWE SHIELD

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Castlemaine	11	1	—	23
Y.M.C.A.	10	1	1	21
Girton	7	3	2	17
Strathdale	7	1	4	15
White Hills	5	4	3	14
Colts United	5	1	6	11
Eaglehawk	4	2	6	10
Quarry Hill	3	—	9	6
Strathdale	1	1	10	3
Golden City	—	—	12	—

THE ALAN HARWARD
UNDER-10 "A" KNOCK-OUT CUP 1981

FINAL — GIRTON 3 defeated STRATHDALE 1.

THE BARRY MOORE MEDAL
UNDER-10 "A" PLAYER OF THE YEAR
1981 VOTING

Winner: B. Paton (Castlemaine) 26
D. Scoble (Eaglehawk) 24
S. Treyvaud (Y.M.C.A.) 22
B. Boxhall (Y.M.C.A.) 18
S. Monotti (Girton) 14
L. Roberts (Quarry Hill) 13

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

1977—R. Langan (Girton).
1978—K. Young (Y.M.C.A.).
1979—S. Langan (Girton).
1980—S. Graham (White Hills).

UNDER-10 "B" CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE 1981

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Epsom	12	—	—	24
Marong	11	—	1	22
Castlemaine	7	1	4	15
Y.M.C.A.	6	2	4	14
Strathdale	5	2	5	12
White Hills	3	4	5	10
Comet Hill	4	2	6	10
Colts United	3	1	8	7
Quarry Hill	2	1	3	5
Girton	—	1	11	1

UNDER-10 "B" KNOCK-OUT CUP 1981

FINAL — EPSOM 4 defeated CASTLEMAINE 1.

UNDER-10 "B" PLAYER OF THE YEAR
1981 VOTING

Winner: M. Schilling (Epsom) 22
P. Savy (Marong) 20
D. Pennington (Y.M.C.A.) 17
B. Monti (Epsom) 12
C. Grant (Quarry Hill) 11
T. Davies (Comet Hill) 11

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

1980—S. Treyvaud (Y.M.C.A.).

UNDER-8 "A" CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE 1981
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Girton	7	5	—	19
Colts United	7	4	1	18
White Hills	8	2	2	18
Eaglehawk	5	3	4	13
Strathdale	4	1	7	9
Castlemaine	3	1	8	7
Colts Brown	1	—	11	2
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L. Hosking (Eaglehawk) 14

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UNDER-8 "B" CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE 1981

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Quarry Hill	10	1	1	21
Comet Hill	9	1	2	19
Marong	8	1	3	17
Y.M.C.A.	8	1	3	17
Golden City	6	—	6	12
White Hills	3	1	8	7
Epsom	—	2	10	2
Strathdale	—	1	11	1

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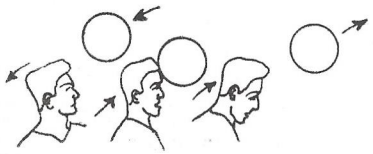
The following represents the first of a series on how to improve your play. Some of the basic skills of the game, i.e., heading, receiving the ball and tackling are outlined, along with many practice routines for improving these skills.

HEADING

Heading the ball is a technique of particular importance for back and forward players and one which all players should try to develop.

When introducing heading to beginners try to build confidence quickly. This will be aided by using a lightweight ball so that mistakes will not be painful. A ball which has been let down slightly will also be more comfortable to head in the early stages. The technique of heading is shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1



Contact with the ball is made with the forehead, the neck muscles held firm and eyes on the ball. The head follows through after contact. Power may be obtained by flexing the knees and then straightening on impact. The feet should be comfortably apart to provide a balanced position.

Introductory Practice

(a) Throw the ball in the air, head and catch it.

(b) Try to head the ball as many times as possible.

(c) Throw the ball to a partner, 4 metres away, and head to each other.

As confidence increases the players may be encouraged to increase the power in the heading by arching the back and then coming forward from the hips to head through the ball. The feet should be apart and the knees flexed to allow backward and forward movement of the body, as in Fig. 2.

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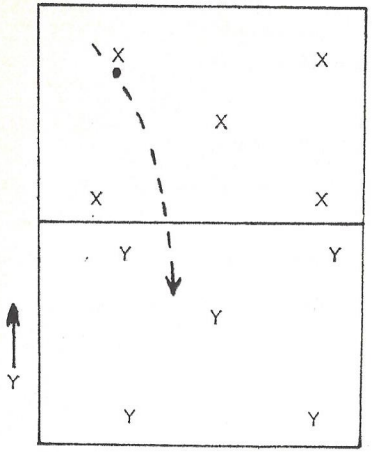

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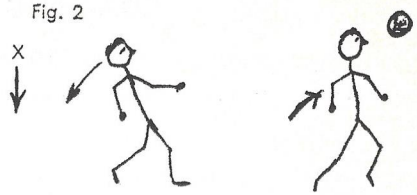

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The ball must be played over the centre line or net with the head, to land in the opponents' court. The ball may bounce once and must be kept in the air. Each time the ball is played into the opponents' court it must be headed.

If the ball touches the ground more than once on either side or lands outside the court a point is awarded to the other team.

Rules may be adapted to suit the ability of the players.

HEADING

There are many occasions when defending players have to deal with high balls in or around their penalty area. Crosses from the flanks and midfield, long throw-ins, corner kicks and free kicks are all situations which pose an enormous threat to the goal.

When jumping to head the ball the following points should be remembered:

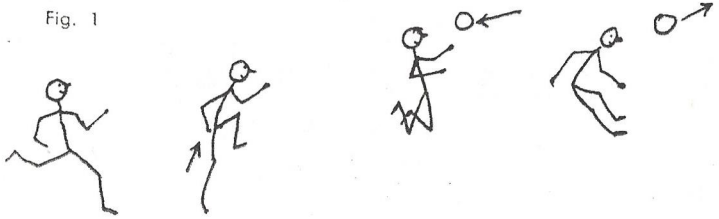
(a) More height will be gained if you take two or three steps into the jump.

(b) Take off on one foot and bring your free leg and arms up vigorously.

(c) As your body leaves the ground, arch your back.

(d) Just before impact with the ball, thrust the top half of your body forwards so that your head makes contact with the ball to give power to the header. The legs will also come forwards to maintain a balanced landing position, as shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1



The direction of the ball may be changed by using your neck to turn your head and bring it forcefully into the ball.

No matter how good you are technically at heading the ball, you must have courage and determination when it comes to winning the ball in the air.

The first thing you must do is attack the ball and be first to it. Move into the line of the ball as early as possible and then move towards it to head the ball at the highest possible point. This requires good timing in jumping and ability to predict the flight path of the ball as early as possible.

Once you get to the ball, go for height and head through the bottom half. The longer the ball is in the air the more time the defenders have to prepare themselves to clear it effectively.

Distance is next on the list of priorities. Head the ball as far as possible away from the goal. The direction of the header should be wide and away from the flight path of the ball.

Remember the following points, attack the ball and head for height, distance and width in that order.

RECEIVING THE BALL

When a player decides to receive the ball during a game, there are several techniques which he may use to control the ball. The height and trajectory of the ball will influence how the player controls the ball and the time and space in which the player has to move will either increase or decrease the options open to him. A player may have space to move backwards and receive a high pass as the ball bounces, instead of on his chest. The player may have an opponent behind him or he may want to move forwards with the ball as quickly as possible, in which case he may have to receive the ball on his chest or even head the ball forwards.

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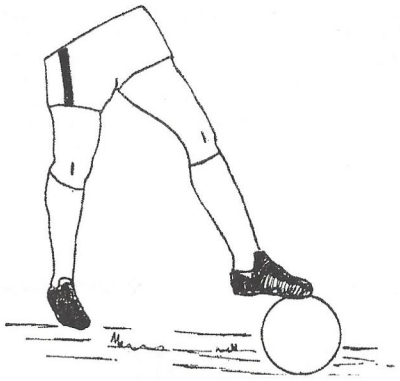
The following points should be remembered when receiving the ball:

(a) Move into the line of the ball as early as possible and then move towards it.

(b) Relax and withdraw the receiving surface just before making contact. The speed of the ball will determine how quickly the receiving surface is withdrawn.

Once the techniques have been mastered you should practise receiving and deflecting the ball. This is done in one movement and is vital if you want to move off quickly as you receive the ball.

Receiving or trapping with the sole of the foot



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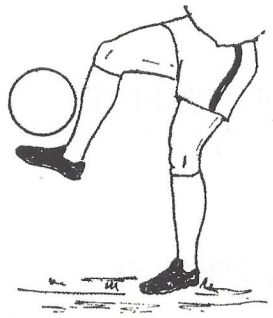

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RECEIVING THE BALL

The following practices are designed to develop a player's technical ability when receiving the ball.

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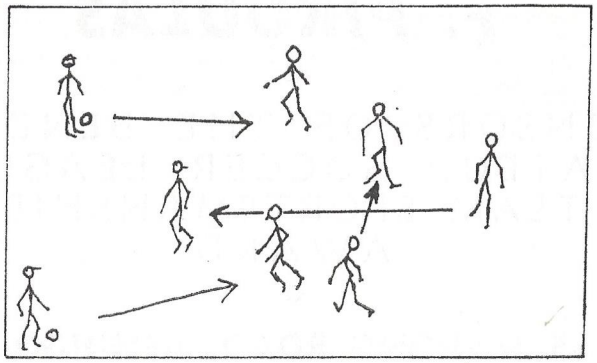
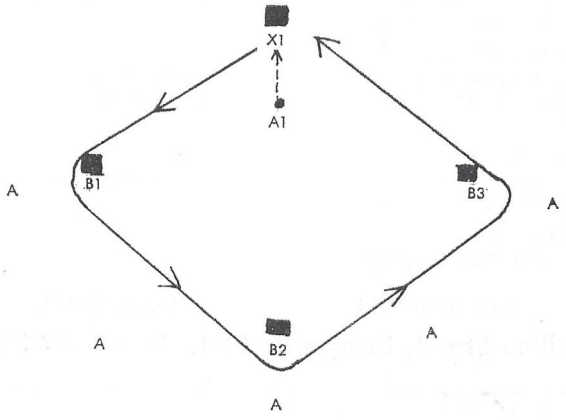


The players work in pairs or groups of three and pass the ball to one another along the ground. When a player has the ball he must run with it until his partner calls for the ball, and then pass accurately to feet. The player receiving the pass must get in line with the ball and then move towards it. The players may be given directions in which to move as they receive the ball.

Practice 2

A1 passes the ball to X1 who must kick the ball forwards. X1 must then try to run around the bases B1, B2 and B3 back to his starting position, without stopping, to score a run for his team. The A team have to pass the ball to one of the bases before the X runner gets there in order to get him out. If the ball goes in the air from the X player's kick the A team may get him out in the following way: (a) By trapping the ball on the first bounce, or (b) Touching the ball twice before it hits the ground. No player is allowed to handle the ball at any stage. The rules may be adapted to suit the ability of the players.



RECEIVING THE BALL

A player in a match is constantly making decisions regarding controlling the ball. The decision of whether to control the ball or not ,is influenced by several factors, one of which is the position of team-mates and opposing players. Therefore it is desirable for beginners to develop techniques in situations which demand decision making.

The following practices may be used to help players decide when and when not to receive the ball.

In Practice 4 A passes to B who is challenged by D. When A passes the ball, D may do one of three things.

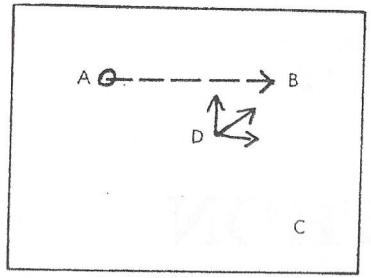
(a) Try to intercept the pass from B to either A or C.

(b) Tackle B if he keeps the ball.

If B decides to keep the ball each time, D may move closer to B, to be in a more threatening position.

A, B and C have to make three passes without D touching the ball. The service may be varied for practice of different techniques.

Practice 4



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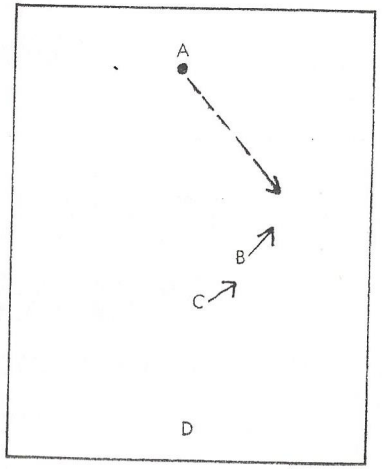
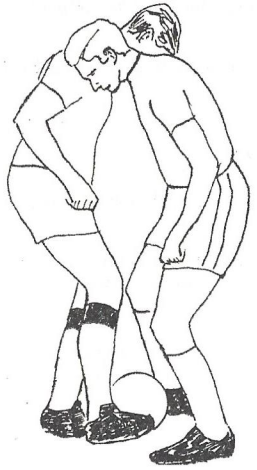


In Practice 5, A passes to B who is marked by C. A and B have to get the ball to D. Defender C must stay behind B until A passes the ball. One important point for B is his angle of run to receive the ball. If B runs sideways and then goes to meet the pass he will be able to glance over his shoulder more easily to see where C is and decide whether to keep the ball and turn, or pass back to A. It may be necessary to position C several yards behind B to allow him more time to do this in the beginning.

TACKLING

There are several techniques which are used in tackling, (a) The front block tackle, (b) The side block tackle, and (c) The sliding tackle.

When using the front block tackle the tackling foot should be turned outwards so that contact with the ball is made with the inside of the foot. The knee should be slightly flexed and the muscles of the leg firmly contracted. To be in the strongest position to win the tackle the body should be over the ball at contact as in Fig. 1.



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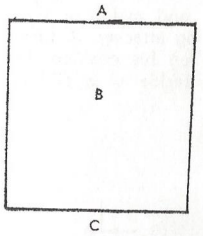
Once a player has decided to tackle, and this decision will be influenced by several factors, he should be determined to win the ball and not just impede his opponent.

Players who tackle half-heartedly will not win the ball and may suffer injury as a result. So remember, tackle hard and fairly for the best results.



Practice 1

Players A and C take it in turns to try and dribble past defender B. Players A and C have five goes each before one of them changes with player B. Keep a score and see who wins the most number of tackles.

The side block tackle or the sliding tackle is used when the defender is travelling in the same direction as the player with the ball.

The side block tackle may be used when the defender is able to get close enough to the attacker, so that he does not have to stretch to make the tackle. The non-tackling foot should be placed close to the ball so that the weight of the body is over the ball when the tackle is made, as in Figs. 1 and 2.

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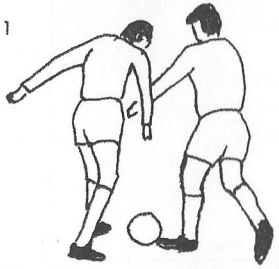

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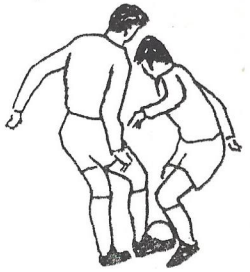
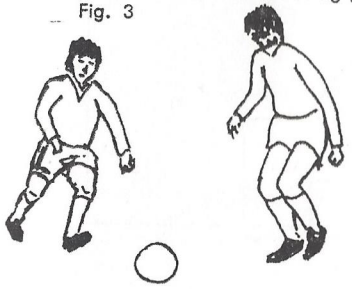


The sliding tackle is often used as a last resort, or when the ball may be knocked out of play. Sliding tackles should be used with caution because if the tackle is unsuccessful the defender is left on the ground and out of the game.

Figs. 3 and 4 show the sliding tackle and it is important to note that the tackling leg is the leg which is farthest away from the opponent.

One of the most common mistakes is to tackle with the inside leg. Such tackles often result in a free-kick being given away unnecessarily.

Fig. 3



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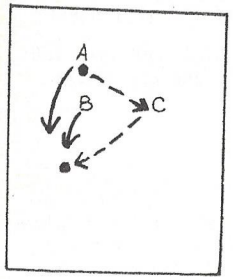
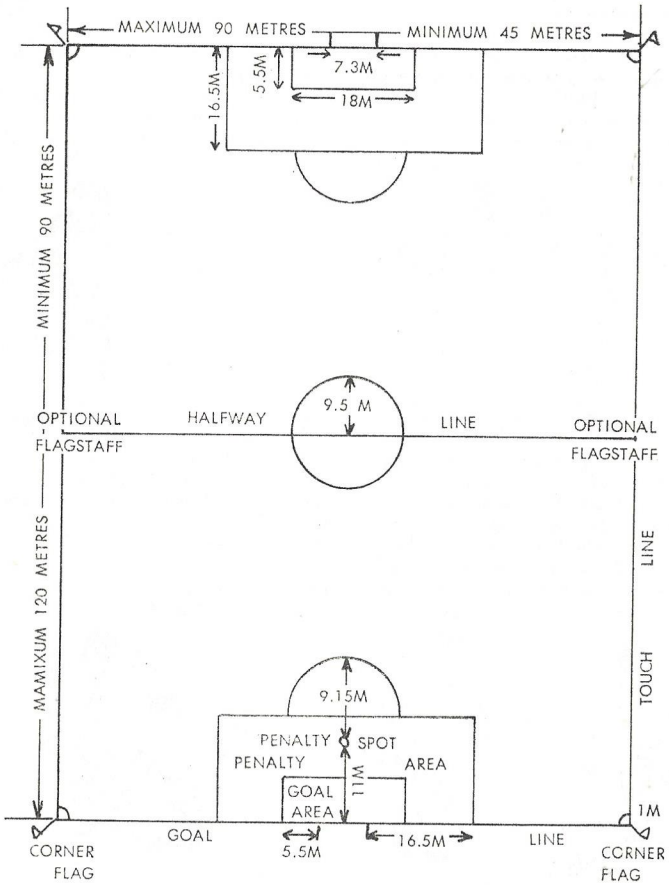


A attacks defender B and makes a wall pass using C as the supporting attacker. B turns to chase A and, depending on his position, he either makes a slide block tackle or a sliding tackle.



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